

**Executive Office of Public Safety and Security
Office of Grants and Research**

**Juvenile Justice Formula Grant Availability of Grant Funds
Questions and Answers
January 2012**

Note: The questions and answers listed below are from the January 6, 2012 Bidders Conference and from questions that were emailed prior to the close of business on January 10, 2012. Both the questions and answers may have been modified for the purposes of this document in order to provide the most clear and accurate guidance.

- 1. What ages of youth can be served with the Formula Grant money?
Can a program and services paid for with Formula Grant funds
include youth 17 and older?**

Formula Grant funds can serve youth who are under the age of 18 (the federal age of majority) when they start the program and/or youth who are older than 18 if they are currently juvenile justice system-involved.

- 2. Will the PowerPoint presentation be posted online?**

Yes.

- 3. Will the date for receiving questions be extended beyond Tuesday,
January 10, 2012?**

No.

- 4. How many awards will be granted out under this award?**

It is anticipated 4 to 8 awards will be issued depending on the merits of applications.

- 5. What is the maximum award an agency can apply for?**

No maximum or minimum has been established. Budgets are expected to be reasonable, cost effective and adequate to sustain the project for up to 18 months.

- 6. Are general guidelines for sub-recipients available?**

For grantee requirements please refer to Section III of the AGF. These requirements set the parameters and responsibilities for applicants who receive awards and also any organization with whom they subcontract

7. Is food an allowable expense if it is being served by a program or project?

Food is not an allowable cost at this time.

8. If a police department is applying, should we use the town/city DUNS or the police DUNS if both exist?

Check with your town/city financial manager to see if the town/city DUNS is supported by a current CCR. The town/city financial manager should decide which DUNS to use if more than one is current since the contract will be with the town/city.

9. Are you interested in receiving proposals for in-home intensive family treatment as a detention alternative model?

It is possible for an in-home intensive family treatment program to work as an alternative to detention. The key for any alternative to detention program is that it decreases the number of youth going to detention unnecessarily or inappropriately by, for example, providing services for them in the community (including at-home). A successful applicant will show relationships with the juvenile court and juvenile probation department (preferably including Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)) that indicate their commitment to work with the program. The applicant should show that the court and probation department agree to refer youth (who would otherwise likely be detained) to the program with the expectation that the youth will receive support from the program in the community and will appear for their court dates.

10. Is it possible for a for-profit company to sub-contract with a not-for-profit company (the bidder)?

No. For-profit companies are not eligible for these federal funds.

11. Can you make available the list of attendees from the Bidders Conference held on January 6, 2012?

Below is the list of agencies/organizations that attended the Bidders Conference:

Cambridge Police Department
City of Worcester
Department of Youth Services
Holyoke Police Department
Institute for Family Centered Services
Martin Luther King, Jr. Family Services
New England Community Services, Inc.
NFI Massachusetts, Inc.

New North Citizens' Council, Inc.
Parent/Professional Advocacy League
Plymouth County District Attorney's Office
Randolph Police Department
Robert F. Kennedy Children's Action Corps
Roca, Inc.
Roxbury Youthworks, Inc.
The Key Program, Inc.
Y.O.U, Inc.